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Crash kills player driving to Midget game

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The teenage boys in Sharpley's Source For Sports yesterday morning were not shopping. They paced, wandered or huddled together speaking in lowered voices that sometimes cracked in grief as they struggled to comprehend a tragic car accident that claimed the life of one of their team mates.

On Sunday afternoon members of the Highland Midget Storm hockey team left for a hockey game in Huntsville. Coach Glen Sharpley says Shaun Chapman, from Burnt River, and Justin Symington, from Kinmount, always drove together. Their teammates describe the two 17-year-olds as "die-hard" hockey players. Sharpley says the pair were always the first in the dressing room for practices or games.

Sunday would have been no exception. Justin picked up Shaun in plenty of time for the game and they headed north on Hwy. 35 in a 1986 green Chevrolet Celebrity. Sharpley says he thinks they were in the Bunny Hollow area when the accident happened.

A 1992 blue Dodge pick-up driven by Gerald Adam, a 46-year-old Timmins man, was travelling south on Hwy. 35 and began to make a left hand turn on to Poverty Lane when the truck and car collided at about 1:30 p.m. Both vehicles came to rest in the northbound lanes of the highway.

Both drivers and the vehicles' passengers were taken to hospi-

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DARREN LUM/Echo

A colourful night:

Jamie and Gord Woodman's house in Haliburton is always a popular stop for trick-or-treaters, who usually find there's a surprise or two waiting for them. The price of the candy these three happy visitors received was to pose for a very slow shutter speed shot by photographer Darren Lum. It took close to a minute to capture this colourful image, during which times the girls had to remain perfectly still.

Foundation at 80 percent of goal

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation are down approximately \$200,000 from last year but at the recent annual general meeting the agency's auditor said the organization is in a stronger financial position than previously.

John West from auditors McColl Turner, says when fundraising you can never pre-

dict when people will donate and last year there were a few special one-time gifts such as one donation of \$140,000 that skewed the numbers. West said that despite the lower amount of donations, the foundation's total assets increased by \$12,000.

"You've reached 80 per cent of your goal. I think with the history of this board, foundation, and the community here, that goal is attainable," West assured members of the foundation's board.

The goal is to raise another

\$1.46 million, said Jack Woodcroft, foundation board chairman. Woodcroft thanked Dale Walker, the foundation's executive director, for her hard work and said she has helped several fundraising events grow. He cited the Gala, which raised 23 per cent more money this year for an "astounding" total of \$13,000, and a new venture, the Deck and Dock Dinner in Toronto with cottagers, which raised \$9,000.

Dick Charron, Haliburton

Highlands Health Services chairman, delivered a report to the foundation board as well. Charron said it was a very busy but educational year for staff as they achieved accreditation and learned how to be more efficient. Charron said he is excited about the strategic planning process for HHHS and noted the board received an excellent report from York University students about the strategic plan and priorities.

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School's birthday bash gets underway

The biggest birthday party likely to be held in town will be today at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Staff and students will be celebrating the school's 50th birthday at 11:20 on Nov. 4. The students will listen to a presentation by guest speakers about the history of their school and there will be a contest to see who can come up with the best 50s costume. Everyone will be invited into the cafeteria for birthday cake; we hear there will be 750 slices available. The event is a kick-off for the anniversary but the actual reunion will not be held until next spring.

Sir Sandford Fleming College's fall open house will be held on November 8 at all of the college's campuses including Haliburton's. Organizers are anticipating 2,800 visitors. There will be live demonstrations, tours and special events including the all-day Loggersports in

Lindsay with 42 male and female teams taking part in the lumberjack competition. In Haliburton, visitors are invited to explore the new 30,000 square foot campus and check in on blacksmith, ceramics, or drawing and painting students in their studios. Staff and faculty will be on hand to answer questions about programs, housing, sports and recreation. The open house runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

The Antiques Roadshow will be returning to Trent University on two occasions in November, in support of academic awards for students. The appraisers will divulge some secrets about how art and antiques are valued at a lecture today at 7:30 p.m. The show itself will be filming on campus on November 15 and 16 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Lady Eaton College. The community will have the opportunity to have their belongings appraised with proceeds going to support scholarships for students. The lecture is free and the appraisals cost \$30 for one item or \$60 for three. You can book a time for appraisal by calling 705 748-1322.

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations Inc. will be having an annual general meeting at 9 a.m.

on Saturday, November 8. The FOCA fall seminar will feature seminars on *Shoreline Development* with consultant Michael Michalski, *Dock Talk* with Terry Rees from the Water Protectors Program, *How to Keep Your Lake Association Working* with Bill Pashby, Don Payne, Rick Barnard and Blair Mackenzie, *Dark Skies* with James Solecki from Integra Works Custom Lighting, and *That Bloomin' Algae* with Bev Clark from the Ministry of the Environment. For more information contact FOCA at 416 429-0444.

Do you know a young person who deserves special recognition for their efforts in making life in rural, remote and northern Canada even better? Nominations for the first Young Leaders in Rural Canada Awards are now being accepted. The awards, sponsored by the Rural Secretariat, were announced earlier this year at the first National Rural Youth Conference by the Honourable Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State. The awards were created to honour the work of youth between the ages of 18 and 29 in one of three categories: Innovation, Leadership, and Partnerships. The deadline for nominations is Monday, January 12, 2004. Nomination forms and more information may be obtained by calling the Rural Secretariat's toll-free line, 1-888-781-2222, or on the Web at www.rural.gc.ca.

Diabetics should take note that November is Diabetes Awareness Month. The Peterborough Optometric Centre is performing free eye health and vision examinations for diabetics on Tuesday Nov. 18 by appointment. To schedule an exam call 705 749-5402. If you are between the ages of 20 and 64 OHIP will cover one eye exam every two years. However, Dr. Paul Paoli of the centre says it is essential anyone with diabetes must be examined every year because eye diseases can progress without any obvious signals or symptoms until the damage is beyond repair. Anyone looking for more general information about diabetes should contact the Canadian Diabetes Association at 705 742-2733.

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Correction

In the October 28 edition of *The Haliburton County Echo*, Jim Henwood's name was not used in the story entitled *Dysart Debate Takes High Road*. Jim Henwood is a candidate for Ward One. *The Echo* apologizes for this error.

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Day of decision :

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in next week's Echo

Fire destroys Little Hawk Resort

Heater may be cause

A blaze that broke out at the Little Hawk Resort early last Tuesday morning destroyed the main lodge that Julie and Todd Boyd had been renovating.

The new owners of the resort on Little Hawk Lake managed to get only one of seven cats they had recently brought from Bermuda to safety before the entire building was engulfed in flames.

There was no damage to the rest of the property, or to the Oakview Lodge next door.

The couple had recently purchased the resort and marina and was in the process of adding a new bar in the main lodge called Wharf Tavern.

Julie Boyd said she suspects a small electric heater malfunctioned, causing the blaze.

The heater has been sent away for analysis.

The couple discovered the fire and called the fire department at about 6:50 a.m. Stanhope's department responded, aided by both the Minden and Dorset fire departments. The flames were out through the roof of the tavern by the time the fire department responded only minutes after the call.

In spite of a major setback, Julie Boyd vows to be back in business for the snowmobile season.

The Boyds have moved into one of the cottages for the time being, but they plan to find alternate accommodations so the cottage will be available for guests during the coming snowmobile season.



CAROL MOFFATT/special to The Echo

Players devastated by death of teammate

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tals. In the truck, Adam and Doug Tulck, a 60-year-old Huntsville man, were taken to Huntsville District Memorial to be treated for minor injuries. A second passenger in the truck, Dettter Krecker, a 50-year-old Port Sydney man, was taken to the same hospital but as of press time was still listed as being in serious condition.

Justin was taken to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and was also still listed as being in serious condition. Shaun was taken to Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre in critical condition. Harry Rawluk, OPP Huntsville constable, says Shaun was pronounced dead at approximately 2 a.m. Monday.

The team is devastated.

Sharpley was at the Huntsville arena and heard the news first. From the beginning he said it was clear the accident had been very serious.

"Half of our team was late because of 'an accident' on 35 without knowing it was our two guys (in the accident blocking the road)," says Sharpley.

He had a very difficult time talking about the accident. He said the Huntsville team they were going to play was equally distressed because they had already been struggling with the issue of young teenage drivers getting to the game. Sharpley insists, though, that from his conversations with police, Justin was not to blame for the accident in any way and there are other circumstances around the accident. Police are still investigating the collision.

Shaun's family made the decision to donate his organs, an operation that took place at 1 p.m. on Monday. Team members told *The Echo* they send the Chapman family their best wishes and prayers.

Sharpley says Shaun and Justin had a "love for hockey that was unequaled by anyone else on the team." Shaun played centre and Justin is the goalie. Shaun was heading to the Huntsville game determined to play despite a ligament injury in his thumb.

"They're a pleasure to have in the room and to coach," he says after coaching them for two seasons.

Members of the team talked to *The Echo* about how they would have

"Kinmount nights" when they would go down for "good times on the ice." The teenagers described Shaun as someone who always put the team first and everyone else before himself.

The young men were excused from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Monday and were waiting for news on whether they could go to visit Justin. Principal Gary Brohman says a staffed grief room has been set-up for students who knew the two players. Brohman says help will be provided as the students need it and a letter will be sent to Shaun's family in sympathy of their "unbelievable" loss.

In Fenelon Falls Secondary School where Justin and Shaun were both in

Grade 12, Principal Bill Clark says they have made similar arrangements. Clark says staff and students are concerned for Justin and sad to say good-bye to Shaun. He described the two teens as being very popular young men, well liked and very involved in athletics.

The members of the Midget Storm team wanted to send a message to their team mates family's that they will be there for them.

"When you are on a team there is a bond unlike any other bond you can have. They're all hurting," Sharpley said with tears in his eyes as he looked at the rest of the team huddled in a corner of the store.

Mail-in voting a boon to candidates

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Mail-in voting is providing candidates with the chance to target their campaign lobbying in a way they have never been able to do in the past.

The municipality receives ballots in a yellow envelope with a card, the "declaration," in the first envelope identifying the voter. Municipal staff cross the name of the voter off the roll and put the ballot which is still sealed in a second envelope in a secure ballot box. Candidates are coming in to the office and looking at the roll to see which of their supporters may not have voted and then calling them or

talking to them to remind them to vote.

Tammy McKelvey, Dysart et al clerk, says as of last Thursday they had received 3,526 votes. She says there seems to be a lot of concern about the privacy of the ballots through this process but she insists the system is just as secure as traditional voting.

There are 13,732 voters but more than half have traditionally not voted. McKelvey noted on the evening of the all candidates meeting that they had already received a large number of ballots, demonstrating voters had made up their mind before hearing the candidates. The clerk for Minden Hills said at the time they had also already received a

large number of ballots.

The voters list is prepared by MPAC but anyone living in the municipality is welcome to come to the municipal office and register themselves if they have not received a ballot. You can vote in the office at any time prior to November 10. McKelvey says tenants are often missed on the roll and should contact the municipal office.

McKelvey says some voters may also be confused because if they own more than one property in the municipality they may receive a ballot for each property. They may only vote once but even if they do send in more than one ballot the staff will only count one.

Cooperage may become five new residential lots

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Developers of the old Eagle Lake Cooperage are proposing to turn the land into five new lots and deed the public beach on the lake to Dysart et al.

Paul Wilson, surveyor, came to council last week with the proposal from his client. The Cooperage consists of the beach, a cobblestone house and the ruins of a derelict heading mill on 13.9 acres. The Cooperage was owned by Greif Brothers Canada since 1935 but is now for sale. Wilson says his client is looking for council cooperation or an indication of council support for the five-lot plan before they purchase the property.

Councillor Leon Jones, who represents Eagle Lake, says his concern is that the beach not be made any smaller. Wilson replied in his survey he is shaving 30 feet off of the beach/park for the new lots but did say he thinks his client will be accommodating when it comes to council's wishes. He also says the client is interested in five large lots and not back-lot development.

Pat Martin, Dysart's planner, explained that before council considers changing the zoning from industrial to residential, the developer would have to provide environmental and archaeological studies about the property.

Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis told Wilson council needs more time to consider the ramifications and details of the proposed development. Wilson replied he would

rather tell his client that council does not support the development than tell them the answer was "I don't know."

Martin told Wilson that the decision was up to the province since Eagle Lake is currently deemed to be at capacity by the province which would prohibit additional development. She explained Dysart would need to know that the developer and the Ministry of the Environment were in agreement about the development before they could consider it. Wilson says he understands that if the province says no to the development than obviously council would say no as well.

Councillor Jerry Walker informed Wilson the township was looking at taking the bridge out that goes to the beach and asked if the developer might be interested in cost sharing to move the road. Wilson said he did not think the proposal was feasible because it would mean the road would have to cut across Silver Eagle Resort's property.

Walker says in principle he is supportive of changing the zoning from an industrial use on the lake to a residential use. Reeve Murray Fearrey commented the municipality has to rewrite the comprehensive zoning bylaw in the next year anyway so they could change the zones at that time regardless of this proposal.

Fearrey told Wilson if the proposal looks good and provincial ministries approved it, then they may consider giving it some support but that was all the answer council was willing to send back with Wilson to his client.



Development plan for mill property:

The ruins of a once thriving cooperage mill stand on a 13.9 acres of land that a developer hopes to divide into five large lots with frontage on Eagle Lake

Police ask for public's help in finding Gelert man wanted in connection with shooting incident

The Haliburton Highlands OPP are looking for Ross Walter Garrison in connection with a shooting incident in Gelert on Friday.

The OPP have obtained a warrant to arrest the Lutterworth Township man in relation to the incident where a firearm was pointed at another male. The gun was discharged during an ensuing struggle. The other male suffered a broken leg during the altercation.

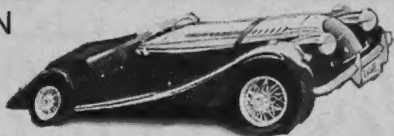
Garrison, a 50-year-old, allegedly fled the scene prior to police being contacted. Anyone with information pertaining to Garrison's whereabouts is urged to contact the OPP detachment at 286-1431 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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The challenge ahead will be to undertake the plan's recommendation's, says Charron.

Charron suggested that what HHHS can accomplish will also be dependent on decisions the new Liberal government will make. Charron says the previous government's decision to inject an additional \$1.5 million into the acute care budget means HHHS can pay off the accumulated deficit (not the capital debt) and do some hiring. He is also hoping to start a capital reserve for new equipment.

"Maybe next year we'll be able to start enhancing services. We now have the money we always felt we deserved," Charron explained.

Walker made a special presentation to former chairs of the HHHS corporation and the foundation. Portraits of the six gentleman and one chief executive officer have been framed and hung in the boardroom at the Haliburton hospital. Walker talked about how HHHS grew out of the Acting Health Services Board that began in 1994. That board's first chair was Stuart Baker, who has since passed away. Serving on that first board were future chairs Paul Heffer, Hugh Nichol, David Coulson, and Jack Brezina, who was actually the first acting chair of that first board before Baker took over.

Walker made a formal thank-you and presentation to former CEO Foster Loucks

as well. She explained he was one of 60 applicants and she is convinced they got the very best of the lot. Loucks has continued to serve HHHS in the capacity of chair of the recreation committee. Heffer also commented that Baker's decision to hire Loucks was a great one.

"During my time (1995-96) we didn't even know what our budget was. We had no programs before and Dave got them going while Jack carried them on. It was hard work but a fun time in my life," says Heffer, who spoke on behalf of the past chairs.

Loucks joked that his wife always said he would end up in gallery somewhere posing as some kind of fossil so he was happy it was just his picture at HHHS. Loucks says it was a "great pleasure" knowing Baker and working for the corporation.

He said that during his tenure the staff did not really trust the board when they said new hospitals were going to be built but they are now walking the corridors with pride. He says the greatest challenge was getting beyond the traditional division between Minden and Haliburton and he believes they have accomplished that to create a more professional health service.

Walker also formally thanked the foundation's first chair, Gordon Monk, for his efforts and his portrait is also gracing the boardroom's wall.

Elephant Lake lots front wetland, are not 'in' it

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al councilors expressed their displeasure with a *Haliburton County Echo* story that ran two weeks ago about an eight-lot development proposal along the York River (Elephant Lake). Reeve Murray Fearrey says the lots are not "in" the municipality's only provincially significant wetland as reported in the article. The lots are adjacent to the wetland, says Fearrey.

Bill Davis, deputy-reeve, added a comment from Dysart's planner Pat Martin describing the development as being "in" the wetland was understood by council to mean the lots are adjacent to the wetland.

Tom Coghlan, ward four councilor where the development is located, says anyone opposed to the lots should go up and look at the area. Coghlan argued the proposed lots are the nicest on the lake and more development should be done as well as this proposal.

Fearrey also shared a report from Gerry Moraal, Ministry of Natural Resources' local biologist. The report says Moraal has reviewed Michael Michalski's site evaluation report for the development. Furthermore it says he has no "particular

concerns from a Fish and Wildlife perspective that the proposed development of eight lots on the north shore of Elephant Lake will have a detrimental effect on the function or viability of the provincially significant wetland boundary adjacent to the lots."

Moraal's report says the placement of the buildings and septs are outside the boundary of the wetland and "approved building code practices should suffice to prevent any detrimental impacts to water quality."

The report does caution the municipality that it "should be made clear to prospective buyers of the lots that all in-water work such as docks, swimming areas, boating channels etc., will be scrutinized by the MNR through our work permit process to minimize any detrimental effects to the wetland."

Those representatives currently sitting on council argued in favour of the development at the recent all candidates meeting. Fearrey, Davis and Jerry Walker made it clear they believe staff and council have followed the provincial requirements and can not oppose this development without losing to an Ontario Municipal Board challenge.

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Back taxes may hit hard in Dysart et al

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the meet of Dysart et al council on October 30. The only municipal council candidate not currently sitting on council to attend the meeting was Gary MacDonald.

Taxes

Now that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation is actually catching up in completing assessments some people are getting heavy tax bills and complaining, said Reeve Murray Fearrey. He said some people would have a difficult time paying large lump sums from three years of back taxes but added that council has no authority to investigate property owners' incomes to see who may or may not deserve more time to assist them in paying.

Councilor Jerry Walker says many people do not understand how the tax system works. Even without a bill they could be paying tax installments to avoid getting hit with a with a large bill when they are assessed.

Fearrey said it is an unfair system when MPAC does not do their job by keeping up with assessments. He commented it would be far easier for people to pay \$500 a year than to suddenly face a \$1,500 bill for back taxes.

Walker suggested that in the future, a note should be

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attached to the building permit to warn people that their property will be assessed but there may be a delay. Bill Davis, deputy-reeve, argued everyone knows they have to pay taxes so they should be held responsible. Davis said some people are not assessed for five years and since MPAC can only go back two years plus the current year, some property owners get away with not paying taxes for two years of the five. He was against giving those owners any breaks.

It was suggested council could waive penalty fees for late payments or extend the current five-week deadline for paying taxes. Council agreed with a suggestion from Fearrey to hold off on making a decision until they hear from ratepayers how many "hardship cases" there are.

Sewer odour

Walker commented he is not confident American Water Services, municipal contractor for maintenance of the sewer system, can find a solution to the odour problem plaguing the sewer system on North Kashagawigamog. The contractor has advised council that an \$80,000 fan system will solve the problem. Walker says before council spends the money they should go back to the original designer of the system and get a second opinion.

"We've been frustrated by this problem for three years," says Walker.

Fearrey says some of the problem is property owners not properly venting their systems and that they need to come to the table to help the municipality in finding a solution. He also suggested there may be chemicals that could be added to the system to reduce the problem.

Councilor Leon Jones expressed his concern that the new sewer system being installed at the college may suffer from similar problems. He suggested council look into how other municipalities manage their sewers to see if there have been similar problems and find out how they were solved.

Council agreed to get a cost estimate for an in-depth evaluation of the sewer system from the original system designer, Conestoga.

Harcourt Centennial

Valerie Smith made a presentation to council about the Harcourt Centennial celebration. Smith was chair of the committee and has authored a book about Harcourt's history which she presented to council. She thanked council for financial support of the event which helped pay for children's activities such as pony rides and construction of bird houses.

She says the event attracted about 300 people and old friends and neighbours were reacquainted. The funding also helped cover the publication costs of the books which Smith says are moving quite well.



Valerie Smith presents Dysart council with council pictures and information about Harcourt's Centennial celebration.

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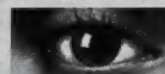
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Spinners mourn loss of an inspiring teacher

Ted Carson, who died October 25, was known as the grandfather of the spinning revival in Ontario. He is remembered in this tribute by local weaver Wendy Bateman

WENDY BATEMAN

Special to The Echo

Friendships were spun together with love, laughter and prayer. The gentleman behind the yarns was our own Canadian OHS Master Spinner, Ted Carson. An enthusiastic founder of spinners' gatherings, textile educator, humorist and special friend of the OHS threads' world, Ted Carson passed away on Saturday, October 25th at Sharon House near his new home in Caledon East, Ontario.

The textile community has lost one of its greatest ambassadors. From the 1960's to the early 1990's, Ted's fibre love was shared through 'Handcraft Wools' in Streetsville then Minden, Ontario. The more he learned of fibres and yarns, the more he shared this education with artists across the continent. Many spinners remember an afternoon of "fluffy carding" with Ted as the guide to his own special technique. Ted was an honourary member of the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners.

One of three founding members of the Ontario Handspinning Seminar, he was

years. Ted was relied upon to come up with silly, fun activities at each year's Seminar, eventually being named Ted's Sillies. Some examples were spinning yarn with oven mitts on and clothing (in twenty-four hours) two sheep constructed by Ted of chicken wire. His activities were designed to pull people who might not know each other together in a relaxed format.

Ted and his wife Mimi's love of the historical background of sheep, their characteristics and the feel of wool, led them into their days as sheep farmers.

Central Ontario's rocky Haliburton highlands in Lochlin became their home for



Ted Carson was an inspiring teacher at the School of Fine Arts, a friend to many local people, and an active contributor to the community

Through this commitment, Ted became a frequent judge for the Royal Winter Fair fleece competitions. Ted was an instructor at the summer Haliburton School of The Arts for twenty years. Demonstrating and sharing at local fairs brought Ted and this author into a pen with bottles of kool-aid, multi coloured sheep and laughing young people. We never could decide who was the coolest on a hot summer's day or who was having the most fun.

Retirement from the business world in 1991 gave Ted time to share his enthusiasm for life with flower gardens, Haliburton

and spinners and always with his family and grandchildren. His love of music and the arts prompted him to share time on committees for the local concert series and Rails End art gallery in the Highlands. His love of baking oat cakes and eating shortbread was shared at potlucks and gatherings. Never to be considered a Luddite, Ted moved into the 21st century by taking courses in computers and the internet.

Just this past April, as Ted moved closer to family in southern Ontario, he was president of the Haliburton Highlands spinners and weavers Guild, guru of our small county spinning group, volunteer in the craft shop of Pritchard house, Minden, treasurer of the Haliburton Scottish Country Dancers and member of the area Seniors club. Ted and Mimi also enjoyed volunteering as monthly entertainment at the county nursing homes.

Ever the encyclopedia of textile information, recent phone calls garnered background on spinning equipment and more sharing of his knowledge.

Ted leaves behind a legacy of grateful students. A recent graduate of the OHS spinning certificate program takes Ted into the future with this quote, "I hope I can continue in his footsteps in at least a small way...."

A friend is simply God's way of adding joy to our lives.

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The success of the recent Hike Haliburton Festival provides important proof that the work of the county's Trails and Tours organization is paying dividends. In the past the organization has been viewed with skepticism and concern by some local politicians, who believed too much time and money were being spent on studies, planning and administration, and not enough on actual trail building.

That perception is turning around in light of recent successful initiatives such as the opening of the five points trail from Stanhope's lookout trail to Little Hawk Lake, the hiking festival

which generated widespread publicity in major media, and the approval by Dysart council of a \$5,000 grant to cover the cost of a planning document for the Head Lake trail. This initiative will be one of the most visible projects Trails and Tours has undertaken. The plan is to upgrade and extend

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the existing Head Lake paved trail, taking it across the County Road 121 bridge near the high school, then up into the Halbiem subdivision and along the right of way which brings a new sewer line into the Sir Sandford Fleming Glebe Park campus. Once into the park, the trail will follow an existing trail past the sculpture forest, along the Head Lake shoreline, and then up the the Haliburton Museum. The ultimate goal is to complete a walking, running, cycling and perhaps even roller blading trail all the way around the lake. With the exception of the bridge crossing, the first phase of the trail, from Head Lake Park to the Sir Sandford campus, should not be prohibitively expensive. Haliburton's Rotary Club has agreed to be a major sponsor of Phase One of the project, and other funds can come from Trails and Tours' adopt-a-metre programme as well as, presumably, the municipality's parks and recreation funds. The second phase, extending the trail back to town, could be more expensive, especially if, as is the dream, it can skirt the lakeshore beside highway 118 on a cantilevered walkway.

The Head Lake trail project will be a major benefit to the community. It will help promote a healthy lifestyle for individuals and families. And it will reinforce the important role that Trails and Tours can play in making the Highlands a more attractive place for people who enjoy quiet, unobtrusive and physically challenging recreation.

In supporting and promoting a strictly non motorized, multi use trail around Head Lake, as well as other hiking trails, Trails and Tours has recognized that non motorized recreation can be a catalyst for community development and economic growth. The key here is that these trails will not try to be all things to all people. Hikers, runners, cyclists and walkers will not have to contend with the potential danger posed by motorized users. And the arguably widely different philosophies of those who enjoy snowmobiles and ATVs, and those who do not, can be accommodated without conflict.

Unfortunately the organization is not taking a similar approach with the rail trail. If the trail is open to ATVs and enduro motorcycles, it is a motorized trail, period. Who would want to walk or cycle the trail, knowing that a pack of off road bikes might be heading for them around the next corner? And while ATVs ridden slowly and responsibly are less threatening, there are performance ATVs designed to be ridden fast, and there are ATV riders who will not exercise caution or respect speed limits. The trail will not successfully accommodate physical recreation with powered recreation, because they do not mix on the same patch of ground.

Another issue yet to be addressed is where ATV riders go when they reach the end of the trail at County Road 121. They will not be permitted on the Head Lake trail, and Dysart council may decide they cannot drive into downtown Haliburton.

Clearly there is an established role for motorized recreation in the Highlands, but there is at least an equally bright future in promoting and facilitating quieter ways to enjoy the Highlands' beauty, as the widespread publicity for Hike Haliburton shows. The key is to keep the two groups of users as far apart as possible. To imagine that the rail trail can be all things to all people is to ignore the physical and philosophical realities.



Near Allsaw bridge

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Lessons learned and forgotten

During World War II, radio broadcasts from London, U.K. were frequently accompanied by the sound of sirens blasting and bombs bursting. This was an attempt, using modern communications, to pull the listeners into experiencing, even peripherally, the horrors of war. That simple device - background colour - has come a long way since then. Now, TV newscasts take us into the heart of war zones, into the communities of starving children, close to devastating natural disasters. As passive spectators, are we really any nearer, to participating in the overwhelming suffering of those caught up in these conflagrations?

To some extent, we may even be in danger of having our sensibilities dulled by the near constant bombardment of images of such tragedies, as television cameras and commentators seek ever more creative ways to involve us in the drama. Most often we are helpless onlookers, numbed and impotent. Even visiting the sites after the natural disasters and manmade destructive forces have long been spent - a charred forest, a drowned community, a hillside covered with white crosses - we can only stand in awe, in sadness, and reflect. We cannot, however, know the reality that touches the lives of those who experience these horrors.

The opportunities to 'be there' that technology has brought us seem greater all the time, but such sweeping attempts at immediacy come a distant second in effectiveness to a simple red flower, the poppy, that blossoms on our lapels each November. It sprouts to keep us remembering - lest we forget the horrors of war.

At the end of the so-called Great War, both sides gathered in a railway car in north eastern France on November 11, 1918 to sign the surrender. The horrors had been so unimaginable for so long that

the fear of forgetting the horrendous human toll of the conflict came to the fore. This led eventually to the simple but very effective device of pinning cloth poppies on lapels in early November and asking people to observe a minute of silence at 11:00 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month each year.

All across our land we gather at war memorials to honour those whose lives were lost fighting our country's battles, fighting to maintain the peace, fighting to help construct an effective United Nations. So many gave this ultimate sacrifice. Many, many more survived these conflicts but returned home permanently scarred, physically or psychologically. Since these once young men and women returned and continued to be active citizens, we tend to forget that their sacrifice, and those of their loved ones, is ongoing.

My grandfather, a private in the trenches in France in 1916, was both gassed and shot in the head. Until his death 40 years later, he lived in a Military hospital with no memory, damaged lungs and only minimal reasoning ability. I remember, as a small child, visiting him once and having him pat me on the head, but he had no idea that I was his. I remember even more vividly the many other people who lived there with him, whose injuries, to this small, impressionable child, were far more obvious and horrifying.

Why is it that, even after a century of ever bloodier battles, we still consider physical confrontation a viable alternative, not an absolutely last resort? Perhaps we might begin a campaign to send poppies to any of the world's leaders who seem to so casually commit their citizens to war. Perhaps those poppies would convey the message that we are in danger of forgetting the lessons learned in two world wars.



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Trick or treat

Halloween has just passed and I must admit that I am a bit disappointed. Two out of my three kids did not participate in the holiday this year. Not only does this mean that they missed out on one of the great childhood experiences, it also means I'm desperately short on good candy.

Now on the surface I know this sounds selfish. But where I'm from, it has always been a parent's responsibility, nay duty, to ensure that his child is eating the right food. Nutritionally speaking, all that chocolate, licorice, gum, caramel and other sweet stuff can't be good for them. Ask any scientist. That's why I do my best to divert several pounds of it away from them each and every October. It's the most selfless thing I do.

The problem is, after 16 years of this I believe I've become addicted to Halloween. The signs are subtle but definitely there. My nerves get shaky near the end of each October, I have this uncontrollable urge to watch a Charlie Brown special, and every time I see a the colour of pumpkins, I begin to salivate profusely. This, by the way, is why I deer hunt alone.

I need my fix.

But, with the other two kids not out there filling the sacks, I'm practically going cold turkey.

I know what your thinking but, hey, I can't blame young Carmen - totally. At three years old, she

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can only carry so much. And though I knew we should have started her on a weight-training program prior to the holiday, I just couldn't, in good conscience, put her through that -- not after all the jogging and time trials.

Even so, you would have thought her winning smile and fireman costume could have added something more to the coffers.

Then again, it seems to me that Halloween isn't what it used to be.

When we were kids, it was the major social event of the year. Costumes weren't bought; they evolved spontaneously from the moment the leaves began to fall.

Even during the actual act of trick-or-treating, we moved with the flow. I remember one year, I started out, on my mother's orders, as a cute little elf, one of Santa's helpers if memory serves. Naturally, this was not the kind of thing you could tell your pals about.

"Hey," said Butch during a pre trick-or-treat phone call, "I heard Jimmy's mother made him a wood nymph costume. He's going to be all green and goofy-looking. Boy, will we ever tease him huh?"

By the time Butch got to my place, with the help of some local geese and a spatula I had transformed my costume into something more socially acceptable.

"So, what are you?" He asked quizzically.

"Dinosaur turd," I smiled. "Original huh?"

"Nah, Jimmy's going out as the same thing this year. And here my mom went and made me dress up like a stupid elf."

The same care and thoughtfulness was given regarding routes to trick-or-treat on. Sometimes entire recesses were devoted to strategic planning meetings and intelligence reports.

"I saw Mrs. Johnston buy a couple of packages of the big Aero bars," someone would pipe up. "And they've got the worst teeth in the neighborhood."

"My brother saw Old Mrs. Rose buying apples again," another would add despondently.

Before long we'd have a detailed plan of attack where we'd leapfrog past the Rose residence and assail the Johnson's by way of a quick flanking maneuver. Often times, we'd hit twice.

It's not that apples were bad. It's just that they were -- how shall I say this delicately? - healthy. This is something we tried to avoid at all costs.

Apples were dead weight in a bag that was designed, in a secret dental lab, to cause maximum damage to young teeth. Everyone back then knew that Halloween drove the dental industry and we were only too willing to support these medical professionals. After all, a good dental appointment could take you out of school for an entire afternoon. A tooth or two was a small price to pay.

Apples, on the other hand, were entirely too good for you. One a day would keep the doctor away and thereby provide no excuse to miss even a single class. This is why we started all those urban legends about razor blades being in apples.

So, anyhow, we avoided those polished red fruit at all cost. Now, kids have no idea of the peril healthy snacks will put them in. Some even prefer it.

In any case, the other day, Carmen and I began preliminary discussions for Halloween candy rights. I wanted 30 per cent off the top and first rights on all chocolate and red licorice.

But the kid is too sharp a negotiator. She gave me three apples.



pic of the past

This photo, taken in 1950, shows the sawdust pile at a sawmill owned by Everett and Teresa Blair, centre, at Allsaw Bridge, on the site where Bryson's Marina is now located. The mill operated during the summer months and employed many teenage boys from the area. Everett Blair died in May, 1953. His two sons, Joe and Glen, operated the mill that summer for the last time. Photo courtesy of Beryl Moon, Everett Blair's daughter.

letters to the editor

Vandals spoil Hallowe'en effort

To the Editor:

Fall is such a fun time of year. Everyone's decorations are beautiful. Pumpkins, corn stalks and scarecrows line properties and driveways. I get such a good feeling knowing I've put a smile on someone's face for a few seconds while they drive by giving them something to look at the providing a break from the monotony of their journey. People love to decorate - I love to decorate. I was so upset to discover something was stolen and destroyed from my property last Sunday night. This item meant nothing to the

person who did it but it meant a lot to me. Whether it was kids or adults, they knew better. I will never understand the enjoyment someone would get from this destruction. I'm not naive to think this doesn't happen but I was disappointed, discouraged and sad to know that I can't take part in the fun and creativity of decorating again and put a smile on the face of someone as they drive by.

Kim Britton,
Eagle Lake

Proponent should pay for review

The Editor:

RE: Peer review

I read with interest and some concern your editorial regarding the development on Elephant Lake.

There are two basic approaches to environmental studies. In the first, the permitting agency conducts or manages the environmental study, funded by the proponent. In this case a peer review is not done, although the proponent is sure to con-

duct one. In the second and the far more common approach, the environmental study is conducted by the proponent and the permitting agency conducts a peer review, again paid for by the proponent. Generally there is a list of vetted firms to do the review and generally the choice of firm is mutually decided by the proponent and the permitting agency. Peer review is not a second study, it is a review of the proponent sponsored study. Peer reviews assure all that the environmental

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Happy Hallowe'en



All around the Village of Haliburton there were people dressed up for Hallowe'en. From MDS Laboratories to the local schools, people were in the spirit.

Top left: A clown appears to be teaching at HHSS, however, on Hallowe'en Sharon Dibblee is just in the spirit of the day.

Top right: HHSS teachers and students were in the Hallowe'en spirit and in the act. Kate, the Shrew from William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, gives the magician in gold the cold shoulder. (Catherine Andress is Kate and Adam Perecko was the magician) Above: The students from SBES walk to the Highland Wood long-term facility on Hallowe'en.

Left: "Count Jean", or MDS supervisor Jean Neville, prepares to draw blood, in the not-so traditional way, from willing victim Nellie Gluck who was dropping off blood from the District Health Centre in Kinmount. Gluck is originally from Romania where the real Count Dracula lived.

Below left: Highland Wood resident Mabel Coumbs gives a young witch from Stuart Baker Elementary School a hug. Coumbs was delighted to be visited by all the ghouls and goblins—Rob Howitt's class in Hallowe'en costume—from Stuart Baker Elementary School.

Bottom right: The Dysart et al municipal office had a witch working for them. It was really treasurer Fay Brown.

Bottom left: Family Services were in the spirit with (front-back) Claire Sylvain as a Goddess, Lisa Hamilton as a Cow, Kelly Harrison as a maid, Michelle Wolfe as a witch, Darlene Box as a witch and Dawn Mole as a frog.

Above bottom left: The halls of Highland Wood were full of vampires, witches and ghouls on Hallowe'en. Stuart Baker Elementary School students from Rob Howitt's class made the visit to the long-term facility. Photos by Darren Lum



Red Hawks shine silver

Senior girls field hockey team wins COSSA silver

TRACI HUBBERT

Special to the Echo

The last week of the field hockey season ended with blue ribbons and silver medals for the Senior Girls Field Hockey team. A young team with only three returning senior players the team goal was to finish in the top three at Kawartha. With hard work, dedication and determination the team was able to surpass their goal and then some. The team entered the Kawartha Championships ranked second after finishing the season with a 4-1-1 record. In the quarter final the Red Hawks faced the seventh seeded team from Lakefield

High School. The Red Hawks dominated play for the entire game out shooting Lakefield 28-0. At half Debbie Ray had netted two goals for the Hawks off of assists from Kerry Heming and Kate Dawson. Kourtney Matysek owned the second half scoring a team record four goals in a single game with assists from Rebecca Ide and Kathryn Berube with two. The final score ended in Haliburton's favour 6-0 with rookie goalie Jessica Foulds earning the shut out.

The semi-final was a much more intense game against the St. Peter's Saints. The Saints scored early but Matysek assisted by Heming and Dawson answered for the Hawks to tie the game at one a piece. Shortly before half Nicole Manary assisted by Matysek and Heming put the winner past the Saints goalie for a 2-1 victory and a berth in the final against the Crestwood Mustangs.

The final game against Crestwood was played in the rain with the midfielders from both teams busy trying to move the ball and the defenders doing an outstanding job keeping the ball out of the circle. Just before half time a Crestwood player managed to find an opening through the Haliburton defence and beat Foulds to the stick side. The final score was 1-0 for Crestwood but the Red Hawks were on their way to COSSA.

Excited to have earned a spot at the COSSA championships the team had to face the North Hastings Huskies, the defending COSSA Champions and perennial power house team. The Huskies had defeated the Red Hawks in their first exhibition game of the season 7-0 and the Red Hawks had something to



The COSSA silver medalists

prove. Both teams came out strong using the full field for great passing and plays. At half the score was tied at 0-0 with Haliburton out shooting the Huskies 3-2. Early in the second half a Huskies player found the net off a short corner play. Down by one the Hawks kicked it into high gear and forced the ball into the opponents' end. With five minutes to go in regular time Nicole Manary passed a ball to Kate Dawson who was waiting at the top of the circle to smoke the ball into the net for the most beautiful "all net" tying goal. Five minutes into the 15 minute overtime period Dawson sent a cross in front of the net to Kerry Heming who was waiting at the post to pop in the winner. The Hawks were pumped and played strong defence for the last ten minutes of overtime to earn a place in the final against Crestwood, who had won the other semi-final.

The COSSA final was a rematch of the Kawartha Championship Final against Crestwood with the same outcome a 1-0 victory for the Mustangs. The Red Hawks tired from their overtime semi-

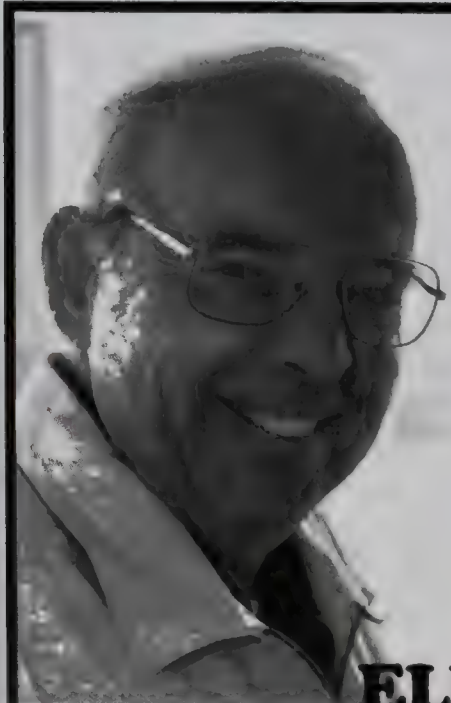
final game and playing back to back games played a strong game but ran out of juice. They played outstanding, brought home the second COSSA Silver Medal in two years and made their coaches proud.



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Red Hawks poised to claim Kawartha West title

Junior girls basketball team dominates last game

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There is no doubting the junior girls basketball team after a complete domination of St. Thomas Aquinas in the final regular season game.

"Today, by the first half we showed we're a first place team by how we played," Head Coach Roland Zilla said.

The Red Hawks led 27-4 at the half and never looked back. This large lead started from forward Cassidy Zilla, scoring two-points on an easy jumper inside the three-point line, giving a 13-4 lead.

The Red Hawks started the game with shooting guard, Brittany Hicks, and point guard, Julie Johnston in the back court, while forwards Cassidy Zilla and Natalia Rico, and centre, Michelle Neumann played up front.

Coach Zilla employed a full-court press early on, pressuring the Aquinas point guards into several turnovers. Rico was a presence in the key early on. Her hard work off the glass inside both the offensive and defensive keys earned her two quick rebounds and a steal in the opening minutes.

Aquinas didn't get their first bucket until 1:48 left in the first quarter. The Red Hawks were leading 6-2.

Due to the effective full court press, the Red Hawks forced Aquinas to turn the ball over six times in the first half.

The second half the Red Hawks made slight changes to the on court personnel, substituting Rico for Paige Collins and Hicks for Kirstin Rae. Despite the changes little changed. At the start, the Red Hawks lost the ball in the mid-court, but reclaimed possession for an opportunistic Zilla who sunk a three-pointer for the first score of the second half, giving the team a 11-2 lead. Aquinas responded, catching HHSS's defense napping with a quick lay-up for two points off of a fast

break. Unfazed, the Red Hawks turned it up a notch and ended the visiting team's hopes with a demoralizing 16-0 run.

HHSS point guard, Johnston, new to the position this year, has come into her own, improving with each game this season.

"She's taking charge out there," coach Zilla said.

Johnston led all Red Hawks with 10 points, but also had a combined 10 steals/assists and even added five rebounds to her statistics.

The team improved from last year's 2 - 6 record and much of it is a result of the team's depth that was dramatically improved by the enthusiastic and skilled group of Grade 9s. Coach Zilla was very impressed this season by two Grade 9s in particular: forward, Rico and shooting guard, Brittany Hicks. He expects these two to only get better for the next season when he will lose many of his veteran players to the senior ranks.

Kawartha West Girls League Final Standings

Team	wins	losses	FFSS 47
HHSS	7	1	IEW 37
FFSS	6	2	
IEW	5	3	Playoff picture
St. Thomas	2	6	
LCVI	0	8	St. Thomas (4) vs. HHSS (1)

Previous Game Results

HHSS 39
St. Thomas 13

HHSS 25
LCVI 17

*Note: Both games start at 3 p.m.



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Starting point guard Julie Johnston reaches in to steal the ball as Paige Collins approaches to support.

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Red Hawks fall short against senior Aquinas team

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 20
STA 25

The senior women's basketball team put a real Halloween scare into the visiting Aquinas team on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

It was a near trick pulled off when the Red Hawks came within five points of a win.

Despite four three pointers by a St. Thomas Aquinas player, the Red Hawks still managed to push the visiting team until the end of the game, even leading by a bucket in the first half.

With 4:53 left in the game, Meghan Shaw tied the game at 18-18. The few diehard fans went ecstatic only to have their cheers change to groans when an Aquinas player drained a three-pointer from well behind the line, giving the visitors a 21-18 lead.

This shot put the nail in the proverbial coffin as the Red Hawks missed subsequent open looks at the bucket to tie the game. They were unable to add to their total, except for a bucket by HHSS forward Jodi Curry who scored a short jumper in the final minute.

They battled for loose balls all over the floor, and offensive and defensive rebounds.

Strong play from Shaw, as usual, and real standout performances by Sarah Mornettas, who led all Red Hawks scorers, Vanessa Davis, and Abby Crowe who both were aggressive at getting to loose balls.

Crowe and Davis never hesitated to go to the court floor for loose balls.



Above: The senior's Red Hawks bench cheer their teammates in the final seconds of the first-half against Aquinas.



Left: Forward Sarah Mornettas blocks off an Aquinas' player's path. Mornettas was the leading Red Hawks scorer with five points.

Photos Darren Lum.

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Community welcomes Ben Ferreira

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club is beaming after Ben Ferreira, a highly-ranked Canadian singles figure skater, led a Skate Canada seminar at the Dysart et al Arena on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club president Lesley Lumley said it was the first time a figure skater of this stature has ever made an appearance in Haliburton and she thought it was "awesome".

"To get up close and personal with a Canadian competitor and to actually be taught and given instruction by somebody who is at a level that some are dreaming to be...It puts it in their ball park. 'I can reach out and touch this guy'. If you went to the Canadian [Championships] you'd be sitting in the audience you wouldn't be able to get his input on what he has to share and know how he got to where he is. The kids they have been looking forward to it since they found out we could have him here. It has been quite amazing.

Ferreira, 24, is an up and coming skater, who is fourth ranked in the country. He has been selected to represent Canada at two Grand Prix skating events in Russia and Japan later this month.

Ferreira is interested in giving back just as other prominent skaters such as Kurt Browning did before him. He said Skate Canada is a beneficial organization to young skaters, setting up seminars across the country for national ranked skaters such as himself to give inspiration and instruction to young skaters.

DARREN LUM/Echo



Ben Ferreira works with the younger set of Skate Canada seminar participants.

"We're able to funnel back...inspirational stuff. Just kind of work it back into the grass roots level so the kids can go, 'There is someone that's been through the whole system'. Now I can give that back to them and they can see how it is done," he said.

He adds he has a responsibility to skaters across the country.

Out of 22 possible locations in the Eastern Ontario Section of Skate Canada, Haliburton was chosen as this year's Skate Canada site due in large part to ice time being made available.

The cooperation of the Haliburton Highland Storm management allowed this seminar to occur, said Lumley. She extends an appreciative 'thank you' to tournament convenor Wade MacInness, ice convenor Steve Wilcox and president Tracey Nesbitt.

"They rearranged their weekend to allow us to have Ben," Lumley said.

Ferreira believes in giving back to other skaters, particularly for the males. He said more and more males are getting involved in the sport due in large part to the success of Browning and Elvis Stojko.

"This is a male sport. This is definitely extreme. Going up and spinning three-and-a-half to four times in the air is extremely difficult...I think it is positive to

have the guys come," he said.

One of only four participating male skaters at the seminar 10-year-old Daniel Boisvert said he benefits greatly being coached by a male.

"A lot of things he does is good for me because I'm a boy too. My coaches at my place are all girls. They really don't get most of what I'm doing. It's really good that a higher ranked [male] is helping me," he said.

He adds his progression is elevated each time he receives one-on-one coaching by a male.

Daniel has skated for six years and wishes to skate in the highest levels of amateur skating. He has participated in other Skate Canada seminars where males have coached. Last year he received instruction from Victor Kraatz, 2003 World Ice Dance Champion with partner Shae-Lynn Bourne. He is now skating professionally with her.

There were 32 other skaters and several coaches who participated in the eight hour seminar that started at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 3 p.m.

Ferreira started at 12-years-old and was inspired by Stojko and Kurt Browning. He just loved to skate and didn't really think

DARREN LUM/Echo



Ferreira performs a spin for skaters. about being the best skater so much as just enjoying what he does.

"I love [skating] this day as the day I started," he said.

In 2006 he said he plans to retire from skating and wants to coach. Before he coaches full time he wants to return to college and take business courses.

For anyone wishing to achieve the same level of success he has Ferreira had simple advice for aspiring skaters.

"Just enjoy to skate. If you really love to skate. If you can't wait to get on the ice everyday. If you can't get enough of this stuff. Then it's yours...If you're honestly always coming back to the rink, always enjoying the activity you're involved with don't give up," he said.



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The Stars with four AAA players back to play for them came out strong and scored early to give them a 1-0 lead. Minutes later Matt Eno scored to tie the game with a nice pass from Brittany Hicks.

Stars are not known for contact hockey, it was a fast pace game with end to end action, this game was going to come down to any team taking the win. Ian Sachs played outstanding between the pipes with great defence Derek Nesbitt, Steve Miscio, Matt Clements, Colin Calloghan and Ryan Scheffee.

A Storm break came when Eno scored the go ahead assisted by Tyler Watson and Max Ambridge, but the Stars tied the

game before ending the second to make it a 2-2.

The third frame was filled with action packed hockey with both teams creating good scoring chances but it was Devin Hunter who found the net with a set up play by Brady Hicks. Storm win 3-2.

Rematch the following week at Newcastle and with two players short.

Ian Sachs stole the show and stoned the Stars over and over again to keep Storms in the game. Storm to had several brakeaways bit Stars robbed them every-time. With 7 minutes remaining in the third Matt Eno was robbed but minutes later his second opportunity fired a shot from the point and some how the puck slid through the goalies five hole and Devin Hunter was three to tip it in. Storm win 1-0. This will not be the last time we face the rival Stars Bantam tournament will be a final showdown. I'm sure.



Nanci Hunter/Submitted

Sweet second: The Highland Novice A Storm earned a second place in Minden after losing 5-2 in the final against the Barrie Flyers. The Storm earned second place from a 5-0 win against the Bracebridge Bears, and a thrilling 2-0 win in a best-of-three shootout after the game ended 3-3 in regulation and a five minute three-on-three overtime couldn't decide the winner.

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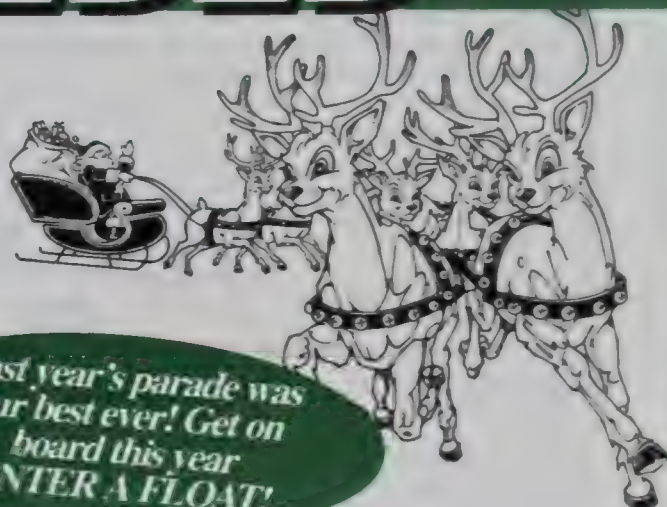
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• 140 or so bodies boogied among the pumpkins table at the Blister Ball to the sounds of Serendipity and Coyote Wild. Bidding at the silent auction table was brisk thanks to donations by many local businesses as was the demand for tasty appetizers provided by Franka's Delectables.

- Lots of interest generated for this year and next through great media exposure – Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, Globe and Mail, The New VR, CHEX TV, the Canadian Geographic web site, CBC Radio, and CANOE FM, More FM and Moose FM to name a few - thanks to Carol Moffat's hard work, Wigamog Inn's generous sponsorship of TV ads and Delta Pinestone's free accommodation for media representatives.

- A number of visitors from outside the County booked accommodation at local establishments such as Ogopogo Resort and Stouffer Mill B&B.

•Chris and Barb Woodfield were very happy to see 25 people, mostly from Huntsville, show up, for their Beetle Lake Trail hike near Oxtongue Lake.

A draft of the Rail Trail Master Plan is now available for public view and review. Copies of the report are available at various locations within the County. Members of the public are asked to submit written comments to the attention of Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager, Roads Department, County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 880, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 before November 21st. Copies for viewing only are available at the Dysart et al, Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East municipal offices, Minden and Haliburton libraries, the U-Links office in Minden and the Trails & Tours office in Carnarvon. Three copies for sign out purposes are available at the County Administration office in Minden.

The development of the master plan for the Haliburton County Rail Trail has stimulated considerable discussion about acceptable trail activities. I was recently asked how could the Haliburton Highlands

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We are thankful that there is an ATV organization in place that will plan, develop and promote responsible organized ATV activity. We know that they are committed to working with other trail users and organizations. They have already organized a rail trail cleanup that yielded 27 car tires, enough aluminum cans to put Alcan out of business for a day, two bicycles, a wagon, a house deck and numerous trailers of garbage including a 6 metre flatbed piled 3 metres high. They also, along with members of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, flipped burgers at our recent Hike Haliburton Festival BBO.



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## Education results released

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released the provincial results of the Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2002-2003.

The numbers of Grade 6 students achieving the provincial standards for reading and writing continue to increase slowly but steadily. This year, more than half the English-language students achieved the provincial standards for reading (56%), writing (54%) and mathematics (53%).

The numbers of Grade 3 students achieving the provincial standards for reading, writing and mathematics increased throughout the early years of the assessment. Results have remained stable over the past two years. This year, half the English-language students achieved the provincial standard for reading (50%) and more than half achieved the provincial standards for writing (55%) and mathematics (57%).

"Students have improved their achievement levels and will continue to do so. There are good examples across Ontario of schools showing marked and steady improvement," CEO Marguerite Jackson said. "Ontario's schools have focused attention on setting achievement goals, on continuously improving and on identifying and using best practices. I am confident that continuing these practices and sharing these strategies, as well as new ones, will bring further improvement in the future."

Parents, students, educators and the public now have several years of accurate and reliable information about student achievement—six years for Grade 3 and five years for Grade 6. This information should be used by all of us involved in school improvement planning to identify trends

in student performance. Partner organizations will be invited to research the approaches and the conditions that have contributed to high levels of achievement and improvement. To support this research, EQAO will use the data gathered through its assessments to identify schools and school boards with trends of improvement, so that schools with similar characteristics might learn from one another's best practices.

"Educators should continue to analyze EQAO achievement and contextual data—for instance, data on student attitudes toward reading, languages spoken at home and whether or not pupils attended preschool—and develop strategies that target areas and groups in need of additional support and improvement," said EQAO Chair Jerry Ponikvar. "There are many factors and organizations involved in good improvement planning, including curriculum and resources, teachers, students, principals, parents, school councils, school boards, faculties of education, the Ontario College of Teachers and the Ministry of Education," he added.

Approximately 141,000 English-language students participated in the Grade 3 assessment, and approximately 145,000 English-language students participated in the Grade 6 assessment. The assessments were administered between May 5 and May 22, 2003.

EQAO reports achievement results using a four-level scale. This scale is based on The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8 and sets Level 3 as the provincial standard.

The Report of Provincial Results, as well as the Highlights of Provincial Results, a condensed version of the provincial report, are available on EQAO's Web site: [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

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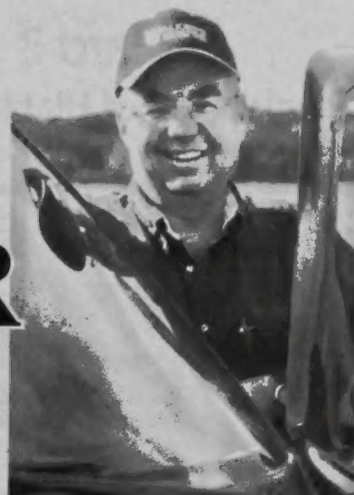
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## Ward 3 apathy due to geographical disadvantages

Letter to the Editor:

I wish to commend *Echo* Staff writer Sheryl Loucks on her excellent coverage of the Dysart et al's All Candidates Meeting held Thursday, October 23rd.

In her article, she did mention the audience's apathy towards Ward 3 may be partially explained by the fact Ward 3 candidates were having a separate debate in Harcourt. I tend to disagree. As most people would recognize the ratepayers in Ward 3 are mainly seasonal therefore, the logical time for an All Candidates Meeting would be on a Saturday in order to give all ratepayers an opportunity to listen to their candidates.

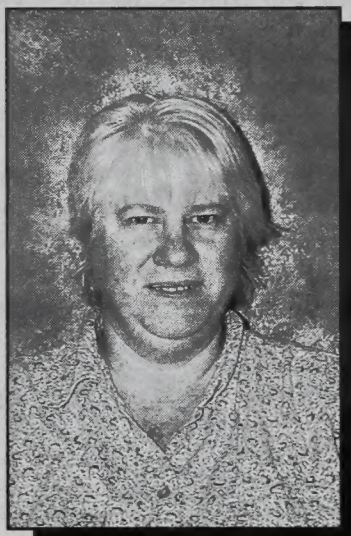
I believe the apathy shown stems from Ward 3's geographical disadvantage to the rest of the Municipality of Dysart et al. At one time, a stage coach ran from this area to Haliburton Village forming a direct link from one community to the other. We do not have that direct link now and must travel through another

Municipality in order to link up with the other Wards in our own Municipality.

However, in spite of our location we still are plagued in our area with many of the same issues that trouble the rest of Dysart et al. I feel we need to work at becoming all-inclusive and breaking down some of the old historical barriers that have formed over the years. An awareness of the issues in each area should be a shared priority of ratepayers in all wards in order to assist the Municipality of Dysart et al to operate in the most efficient manner. Our children who attend schools in Haliburton Village and the children from Haliburton Village area who in turn visit our area for dances and staying with friends, do not look at the distance factor. Perhaps, we should follow their example and look at Harcourt being really not that far away from its counterparts and at Harcourt being a very real, integral part of the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Valerie Smith

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## Due diligence prudent

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study has been conducted professionally, competently and completely. Companies preparing environmental studies are likely to conduct peer reviews in other situations. Peer review is standard practice.

The Elephant Lake proposal to build on a provincially significant wetland does set a precedent. It would be subject to peer review were it to be tabled next year under the new Dysart Official Plan. Suggesting that the Dysart Council request a peer review, funded by the proponent of the Michalski study, is simply requesting that the Council act with due diligence on such an important and far reaching project.

Heather Ross, chair  
Environment Haliburton

## Policies on printing money will lead us farther down the road to bankruptcy

To the Editor:

What do NAFTA and the private banks have in common? They are both destroying our country and our way of life. NAFTA will turn us into another U.S. state, or worse, another Puerto Rico. Then what happens to our Canada Pension Plan, our health system, and our jobs? Meanwhile, the banks have been given the job of "printing" our money (BCM) and both putting and keeping us in debt. This is unsustainable, and someday the system will collapse. This debt burden is equally damaging to our economy because the government borrows money from the banks with interest, which puts

us further in debt as a country. Our federal government has the ability to print money (GCM) at less than 1% interest for its own use, but the politicians have been brainwashed into giving that right to the banks. As Dalton McGuinty said many times, "It's time for a change". For a little extra humour, visit [www.flyourflag.ca](http://www.flyourflag.ca) <<http://www.flyourflag.ca>> to see just who we are going to be voting for as prime minister in the next federal election. Enjoy.

Jim Callaghan  
RR#3, Comp 207  
Minden, Ontario



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The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a huge thank you to those who made the 1st Annual Hike Haliburton Festival a great success. Thank you, also, to everyone who participated in the hikes, Blast-Off BBQ, Blister Ball and Silent Auction.

Let us know what you enjoyed and what we can do better next year - join us for a festival debriefing on Wednesday, November 5th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. All are welcome.

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